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For: DNA MARKERS FOR PIG LITTER SIZE

Group Art Unit: 1655

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**PETITION FOR UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED BENEFIT CLAIM
AND AMENDMENT**

ATTN: OFFICE OF PETITIONS
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following amendments are submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2002, in the above-identified application.

Kindly amend the first page of the application by inserting before the first sentence:

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-This application is a divisional application of Application No. 09/329,796, now U.S. Patent No. 6,291,174, filed June 10, 1999.-

Subject application was clearly filed as a divisional application of parent 09/329,796, as stated in the transmittal letter filed May 16, 2001. Reference to the parent application was unintentionally omitted from the specification at that time, and the entire delay between the date claim of priority was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2) or (a)(5) and the date claim as filed was unintentional.

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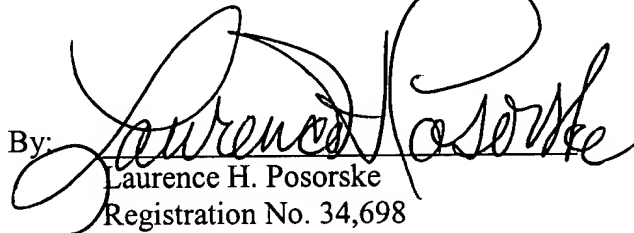
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